

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 9-12 and 17-19 were pending in this application when last examined.

Claims 17 and 19 were examined on the merits and stand rejected.

Claims 9-12 and 18 were indicated as allowed.

Claims 17 and 19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuation or Divisional Application on any cancelled subject matter.

No new matter has been added.

In item 4 on pages 3-5 of the Office Action, claims 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, on the basis that the specification lacks written description support.

Without acquiescence to the Office's position and in order to expedite prosecution, claims 17 and 19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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